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NEW ISSUES.

AUSTRIA.—A new issue is said to be in preparation, of which the cut annexed is a representation.



·AZORES.—The 150 and 300 reis have appeared surcharged with small type.

BORNEO.—The two-cent stamp which we illustrated in our last issue, has appeared,

surcharged "8 cents."

DUTCH INDIES.—The series of unpaid letter stamps has been increased by the addition of a ten-cent stamp.

GREAT BRITAIN.—Two new stamps have lately appeared; 9 pence, green; and 2 shilling and 6 pence, lilac.

GREECE.—A set of postals have made their appearance; 5 lepta, black on buff; 10 do., blue on buff; 10 do., carmine on blue. They come in double form, those on blue being for postal union use.

NORWAY.—The color of the 20-ore * stamp has been changed to blue.

PANAMA.—Two new stamps are said to have been issued by the Panama Canal Co.; we annex the designs.



QUEENSLAND.—Of the new type which we illustrated in our March number, two new values have appeared; value 4 d, and 1 shilling.

ST. LUCIA.—Three new values have appeared; 1-2 penny, green; 1 1-2 pence carmine; 2 do., blue; type, De La Rue.

U. S. OF COLUMBIA.—A new postal union card is announced; 2 centavos, black on gray.

REVIEW TABLE.

BUFFALO TIMES.—Our thanks are due Grant Bros., Buffalo, N. Y., for a copy of the *Times*, 8x12 inches in size, containing 114,192 words. Price, 10 cents. Address, Grant Bros., Buffalo, N. Y.

MEDALS.—Issued by W. H. Warner & Bro., 1,123 Chestnut St., Philadelphia, Pa. We have received one of the medals issued by the above-named firm for the Louisville Southern Exposition. It is a beauty, and speaks well for the firm who manufactured them.

Rare Coins.

But few people know the value of coins. Merchants, newsboys, and in fact, every one who handles money, often takes in and passes out in change, rare coins, the value of which they are not aware. The need of a perfect list of such coins has long been felt, to supply which want, Mr. John M. Hubbard, of Lake Village, N. H., has issued a complete catalogue of his buying prices of all American coins worth over face value. It is a neat little book, and should be in the hands of every business man. Price only 10 cents. We quote a few of the prices offered: "\$500.00 for an 1804 dollar, \$20 for 1858 do., for 1879, 1880, '81, or '82 trade dollars, \$1.40 each. For a copper cent of 1793, \$1.50 is paid; for one of '99, \$5.00; do., 1804, \$1.50. 75 cents each for 2-cent and silver 3-cent pieces of 1873, also \$2.25 for 20-cent pieces of 1877, etc." Thus it will be seen the oldest issues are not the rarest, by any means.

Mr. Hubbard deals extensively in stamps and coins, buying and selling large collections besides retailing in smaller quantities. He also publishes the *GRANITE STATE PHILATELIST*, a monthly magazine devoted to the interests of stamp, coin and curiosity collectors, for which all interested in any of these hobbies should subscribe, as it contains an illustrated list of new issues, interesting articles on the several branches of curiosity collecting besides giving a list of all dishonest dealers and collectors, in "Rogues' Corner." Send your address on a postal, for a sample copy, read it, then send 25 cents for a year's subscription.—[*Laconia Democrat*.]

Eight varieties of Confederate bills only 50 cents.

Postage, Telegraph and Express.

The United States is far behind Great Britain, in postal, telegraph and express facilities. It is true, a reduction of one cent in letter postage takes place October first, and the postal note, a cheap way of sending small amounts by mail, went into effect September third, but there is room for a great improvement. Packages of merchandise sent by mail, are limited to four pounds in weight, for which one cent per ounce is charged; while in England, a package weighing not over seven pounds, is delivered anywhere in the kingdom for 25 cents.

The express business is done by the railway companies in England, who will carry a package weighing a pound, for 6 cents, or anywhere in the kingdom for 10 cents. Think of this, stamp dealers who pay a dollar to send five dollars worth of stamps from New York to Boston.

As to the telegraph and telephone, there is but little hope for relief from the present high rates till the government takes hold of the matter, and makes it a part of the post-office system, as in England. The Western Union controls nearly the entire business, and can do just what they please, as was shown in the recent strike; rather than pay their operators a fair price for so much responsibility, they allowed them to strike, took their messages, "subject to mailing, or other delay," put on a three-cent stamp and sent by mail, putting the balance in their pocket. The public are sufferers from these giant monopolies, but there is no redress until they are purchased and controlled by the government.

Exchange Notices.

Natural curiosities for the same. E. T. Hoyt, 1620, Ridge Ave., Philadelphia, Pa.

Stamps for the same. J. L. Simpson, box 932, Schenectady, N. Y.

Post marks and stamps for coins. H. G. Hodge, York, Ill.

Books for stamps. W. G. Whilden, Jr., Pelzer, S. C.

Stamps and Philatelic papers for the same. Will G. Saxton, 92 W. Tuscarawas, Ave., Canton, O.

Stamps for the same. N. W. Chandler, Jr., 3,015, Chestnut St., St. Louis, Mo.

Stamps for minerals. N. G. Rogers, Greenwood, Mass.

Books for stamps. W. C. Herriman, Lindsay, Ont.

Stamps for Indian relics. W. G. Merritt, Battle Creek, Mich. Box 2,015.

A collection of stamps for a photographing outfit. Calvin Reiman, Fort Wayne, Ind.

Coins for stamps. J. S. McHenry, Vauxhall St., Nashville, Tenn.

Stamps for the same. W. E. Skinner, Lynn, Mass.

ROGUES' CORNER.

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We have published the names of many fraudulent collectors, but it now becomes our painful duty to publish the name of a dealer and publisher, who, until a few months ago, we should have been willing to have trusted for any amount. His name is W. G. Karpe; he formerly lived in Plymouth, Wis.; he now lives in Los Angeles, Cal. His paper has suspended and he has suspended payment of debts. He owes us for advertising, cuts, &c., and probably always will; publishers, if he doesn't owe you, be careful that he never does.

The Earliest Known Coins.

It was about 800 years before Christ that the first money was actually coined. There is much doubt in the mind of antiquarians as to the precise spot where the custom had its origin. Herodotus ascribes it to the Lydians, but his authority is not conclusive. The oldest coins extant, and probably the first coins ever made, are from Asia Minor. Miletus, a city south of Ephesus, on the shore of the Icarian Sea, probably produced the first coined money, the gold stater. It is stamped on one side with a deep indentation. On the other it has a rude picture of a lion's head. A die was evidently used, and the lump of metal placed in it, and a punch struck with a hammer drove the metal into the die and left the rude mark of the punch on the reverse of the coin. What induced the adoption of the lion's head as a design is left to conjecture. It is supposed by some to refer to the regal power of the lion, while others think that it had some connection with the worship of Cybele, the great goddess of the Ionians. There is a somewhat similar coin which by numismatists is supposed to be of an earlier date than the Ionian. It is a Lydian coin, and is one of the first, if not the earliest. These coins were the first specimens of what we call money.—[Old Curiosity Shop.]

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The first copper coins were coined by Charles II., in 1655.—[Old Curiosity Shop.]

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BY HAVILAND.

At this advanced day, when Philately is regarded as a science, and numbers its followers by the thousands, yes, its tens of thousands, can it not support a truly *first-class*, unbiased, and straightforward monthly magazine? The writer thinks it *can* and *should* for its own best interests. Every reader of this article should consider this matter and its paramount importance to Philately. Many a bright, propitious and truly deserving journal has started only to die from lack of support. You may ask why this lack? Ah! there you have it. The philatelists of to-day are afraid of even the most auspicious and promising of philatelic publications, for it has come to that pass that one hardly knows whether the next number will come next month or next year, or *ad infinitum*.

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GOSSIP.

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Mr. E. B. Sterling, of Trenton, N. J., will sell a valuable collection of U. S. stamps at auction, Wednesday, Oct. 24. See ad.

The stamp business has been unusually quiet for the past three months, but will, without doubt, be enough better this season to make it up.

Mr. Lyman H. Low, 838 Broadway, New York, is agent for this paper. Parties can step in his store and subscribe and save the trouble of writing to us.

We lately received a lot of letters, directed "Laconia, N. Y.," where they laid for several weeks, and were then forwarded to this place. Be careful and write plain.

All those who desire a complete file of this paper should obtain it, at once. 148 pages of interesting matter for collectors. Price, 35 cents; or, with volume 2, 50 cents.

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It is the custom with nearly all philatelic publishers, who survive the first year, to use up a page or two in spouting over their past year's work, and telling what they will do in the next volume, making promises which they never fulfil, and never expect to. We shall not publish the *best* paper in the world; we shall not have the largest *circulation* of all papers, but we shall do our level best to improve and give our readers their money's worth. Brother Philatelists, we thank you one and all, for past favors, and shall endeavor to merit a continuance of the same.

New Firm.

John M. Hubbard, for some time past a compositor in this office, has laid down the stick and rule for good, having to-day purchased the stock in trade of Mr. J. M. Ward, of Lake Village, and taken possession of the same. John is an enterprising, go-ahead young man, having plenty of business qualifications, and will no doubt make a success of his new venture. He will keep constantly on hand a complete stock of stationery, fishing tackle, fancy goods, newspapers, fruits, confectionery, cigars, etc., and will also deal in rare coins, stamps, etc. We recommend the young man to the people of Lake Village, and trust they will give him a liberal patronage.—[Daily Tocsin, Sept. 3.]

As will be seen by the above, we have changed our headquarters to Lake Village. Our paper will, for the present, be dated Laconia, but all mail matter should be addressed to Lake Village, as it will then reach us one

train earlier than if directed to Laconia, thus giving us time to answer all letters the day they are received.

"That shrewd Yankee lad, John M. Hubbard, of Laconia, N. H., is one of the most industrious curiosity men in this country. He is bound to succeed."—[Old Curiosity Shop.]

Well, Brother Clemmens, we believe in large sales and small profits; we think it pays to do the square thing, by everyone. We buy our goods as cheap as we can, and give our customers the benefit. We try and use a customer well, so he will come to us again. We have done business on this principle for the last four years, and have "succeeded" splendidly. We propose to continue the same way.

The Chicago Locals.

Chicago has a local post lately opened. The authorities are trying to suppress it, and they have only to succeed to make the only stamp they have issued, rare. We have been favored with a specimen of the stamp through the kindness of Mr. C. H. Mekeel. Father Time is seen in the centre with mail-sack in hand, on which is inscribed "A. C. D." At the top in quarter circle is the word "ALLEN'S" at the bottom, in quarter circle, is "DISPATCH." At the bottom, in a straight line, is the address, "125 Clark St." Under Father Time is the word "city" in red letters.—[Empire City Philatelist for January.]

Everybody knows that the authorities succeeded in suppressing this local business, and as but few stamps were issued, they are rare. We are informed by the publishers of the International stamp albums, that the next edition will contain spaces for these stamps, and every one should obtain them, while they are comparatively cheap. We obtained quite a large lot of these stamps from Mr. C. H. Mekeel, who lived in Chicago at the time, and we have a written guarantee that they are *genuine*. Price 15c. each or two for 25c. We have decided to give to each and every one who sends 25c. for a year's subscription to the GRANITE STATE PHILATELIST, within 60 days, one of these rare locals, as a premium. Say whether you want a *used* or *unused* stamp. Send at once, as when our present stock is exhausted it cannot be duplicated.

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COIN SALES.

JULY—AUGUST.—Crosby Collection.

June 27, 29. As stated in the last issue, a more continued sketch would be given in this number. This collection was owned by Mr. S. S. Crosby, author of that well-known work, "Early Coins of America." The collection comprised U. S. silver and copper coins, colonials, pattern pieces, American medals, store cards, etc. Catalogued by John W. Haseltine, of Philadelphia. 1817 lots; sold at Bangs & Co.'s, New York city. Among the more noted coins a naked bust Washington cent brought \$146; a 1792 one-half dollar in copper, sold at \$72; a Vermont's Res Publica, in very fine condition, \$17. The unique New Jersey Washington, No. 1165, brought \$620. This same piece was found by Mr. Haseltine among a lot of old coins, from whom it was purchased by Mr. Crosby. A Mr. Barnabee was the successful bidder. A splendid half dollar, of 1796, 15 stars, sold for \$255; *Non vi vistute vici* New York cent, \$61.50. Total proceeds of sale, \$5,977.54.

June 30. A collection of rare Americana, belonging to E. F. Knithan. Catalogued by Ed. Frossard, Irvington, N. Y. 576 lots. Proceeds, \$1,831.19.

July 10. Collection of miscellaneous coins. Sold at Lancaster by Chas. Steigerwalt. 324 lots.

July 10. A miscellaneous collection of coins, stamps, etc. Catalogued by Dr. Geo. W. Massanfore. 794 lots.

July 12, 13. Collection of coins, owned by Mr. W. R. Hubbard, of Montreal. A half pound, of Charles I., of England, brought \$19.50; a 1632 crown, of Gustavus Adolphus, of London, sold for \$10.37. Total proceeds, \$1,396.85. Catalogued by H. P. Smith.

July 16. A collection of coins. 324 lots. Catalogued by Chas. Steigerwalt. A set of Swedish plate money sold at \$33.25; 1858 dollar proof, \$41.00.

July 25, 26. Coins, stamps, medals, Confederate money, etc. 956 lots. Sold at Bangs & Co.'s. Catalogued by H. G. Sampson.

Aug. 22. John W. Haseltine sold at Bangs & Co.'s a collection of U. S. and foreign copper and silver coins, ancient Roman and Greek coins. 743 lots. This was Mr. H.'s 71st sale.

NOTES.

Owing to the vacation season, coin and bric-a-brac sales have partially dropped, but still, owing to the number of collections put on the market, July and August could hardly be called a dull season this year.

Nearly all the dealers are now cataloguing collections for the fall sales. The coming winter promises to be a brisk one, both as to dealers and collectors.

Sullivan Bros. & Libbie have dissolved partnership. The business will be carried on at

their new place, 7 Hamilton Place, Boston, under the name of C. F. Libbie & Co.

A catalogue of New England Town Histories and genealogies, is for sale at fixed prices, by G. D. Morse, Haverhill, Mass.

Part IV., comprising the ancient coins of the late Prof. Charles E. Anthony, is to be catalogued by Mr. Gaston Fenardent, of New York, and is to be sold at Bangs & Co.'s, sometime in January. Part V. is the last, comprising the American coins, and will be catalogued by Mr. George W. Cogan. Ready for sale in April.

Raymond & Sherman, Chicago, Ill., will publish in October, a directory of coin and stamp dealers and collectors in the U. S. and Canada.

July number of *Our Home*, published by Andrus & Illingworth, contains a list of numismatic works for sale at fixed prices.

X. Y. Z.

The Executive Department Stamps.

BY T. COKE.

On the 10th of January, 1873, John W. J. Creswell, then Postmaster General, entered into a contract with the Continental Bank Note Company, of New York, for the engraving and printing of the Executive Department stamps. These stamps were furnished by the above named company until its consolidation with the American Bank Note Company, in December, 1878. Since then the stamps have been furnished by the latter company.

The below set was issued May 1st, 1873, all the stamps being the same color, namely, carmine: 1 cent, 2 cent, 3 cent, 6 cent, 10 cent.

The portrait on the 1 cent denomination of these stamps is that of Benjamin Franklin; on the 2 cent stamp that of Andrew Jackson; on the 3 cent stamp the ever familiar profile of Washington; on the 6 cent, that of Abraham Lincoln, and on the 10 cent, that of Thomas Jefferson. The price paid for the manufacture of these stamps, from 1873 to 1877, was eighty cents per thousand; from 1877 to 1881, it was eleven cents per thousand; the current price now being nine and nineteen-hundredths cents per thousand. They were originally provided to pay postage on official mail matter emanating from the office of the President of the United States. They are now, by reason of the introduction of the free official envelopes, seldom if ever used.

The five plates from which the various denominations were printed, cost the government \$2,500.

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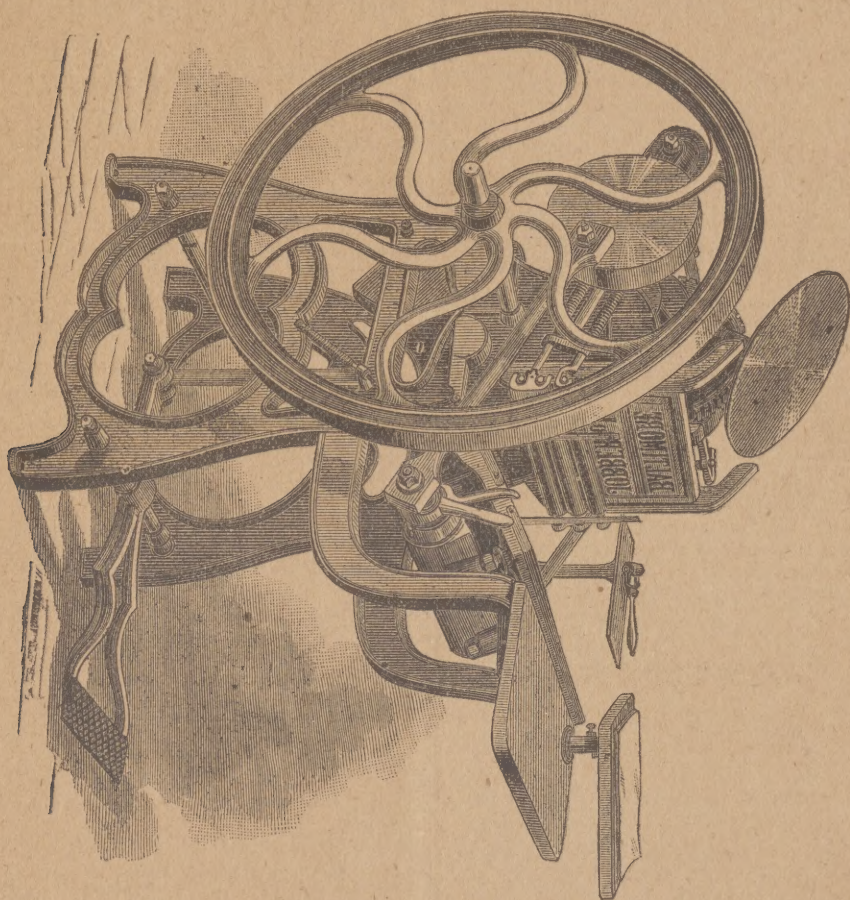
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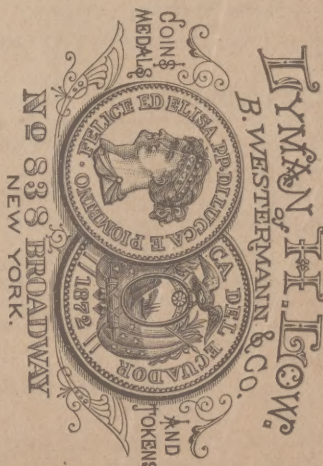
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